GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1039
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2002
RURAL PROCESSING AND MARKETING SET UPS
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Uttranchal produces a wide range of cereals, fruits, vegetables spices, medicinal plants and herbs apart from many other less known exotic products which are at present neglected and go waste due to absence of rural processing and marketing set ups;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that Navdanya, NewDelhi organized a workshop at Dehradun during June, 2002 to push forward a plan and a product mix for manufacture for rural income generation and empowerment of women through food processing units in 7 centres in the Hills;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to give its full support through its infrastructure and bodies like NABARD, CAPART and Food Processing Services, Banks etc. for this laudable project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): This Ministry has not received any Plan and productmix for manufacture for rural income generation and empowerment of woman through food processing units in 7 Centres in the Hill, from Navdanya, New Delhi.

(d) & (e): Does not arise.